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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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14 IPCOM GMBH & CO. KG,

CASE NO.: 5:14-mc-80037-EJD-PSG

15 Plaintiff,

**DECLARATION OF NADINE
HERRMANN IN SUPPORT OF IPCOM'S
OPPOSITION TO APPLE INC.'S
MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA IN A
CIVIL CASE**

16 vs.

17 APPLE INC.,

18 Defendant.

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1 I, Dr. Nadine Elisabeth Herrmann, declare as follows:

2 1. I am a German-qualified attorney (*Rechtsanwältin*), admitted to practice in
 3 Germany since 2003. I am a partner of the law firm Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP.
 4 I make this declaration of personal, firsthand knowledge, and if called and sworn as a witness, I
 5 could and would testify competently thereto.

6 2. IPCOM filed a patent infringement action with the Mannheim District Court on
 7 March 2, 2012, Case No. 2 O 53/12, alleging that Apple Inc., Apple Sales International and Apple
 8 Germany Retail GmbH (collectively, "Apple") infringed the German part of European patent EP 1
 9 841 268 ("the '268 patent").

10 3. In the action in Germany, IPCOM alleges that the '268 patent is necessary to
 11 practice the 3GPP UMTS ("3G") wireless standard.

12 4. Rather than request injunctive relief, which is a remedy of right in Germany,
 13 IPCOM chose to ask for a specified amount of monetary damages. While it is more typical for
 14 plaintiffs to seek injunctive relief together with a declaration of liability for damages without
 15 specifying the amount of damages owed, it is proper and accepted under German law for a
 16 plaintiff to choose to seek a specified amount of monetary damages instead.

17 5. Apple and IPCOM submitted hundreds of pages of briefing to the Mannheim
 18 District Court, including briefing relating to IPCOM's request for damages.

19 6. On September 24, 2013, Apple alleged in its briefing for the first time that it has
 20 licensed about 75% of all patents declared as essential for the 2G and 3G standards from over 25
 21 companies.

22 7. On February 11, 2014, the oral hearing before the Mannheim District Court took
 23 place.

24 8. As the parties had briefed both the liability and damages issues prior to the hearing,
 25 it was possible for the Mannheim District Court to address both at the hearing. The District
 26 Court remarked at the beginning, however, that it would decide infringement first and damages in
 27 a second part of the proceeding, if necessary. Under procedural law, district courts must take the

1 most economical route to reach a verdict. In cases where both liability in principle and quantum
 2 are disputed it will often be expedient to address liability in principle first because without liability
 3 in principle defendant will not owe any damages; the question of quantum will then be moot. This
 4 does not lead to any formal bifurcation of the proceedings, though, and the Mannheim District
 5 Court's decision to dismiss IPCom's action for lack of infringement means that the action was
 6 dismissed in its entirety.

7 9. On February 28, 2014, the Mannheim District Court dismissed IPCom's
 8 infringement case, finding that there was no infringement. IPCom timely filed an appeal on
 9 March 6, 2014 with the Karlsruhe Court of Appeals and gave reasons for its appeal on April 22,
 10 2014.

11 10. Although it was not necessary to brief damages issues to meet the statutory
 12 requirements for an appellate brief (which must present the grounds of appeal) because the District
 13 Court had not addressed damages, IPCom included in its appeal its request for damages. IPCom
 14 moved that the Court of Appeals set aside the District Court's opinion and award it the damages
 15 sought. Because the District Court dismissed the case for lack of infringement, the case has been
 16 dealt with in its entirety by the first instance. Correspondingly, the entire case including the
 17 question of the amount of damages owed is now before the Court of Appeals (*cf.*
 18 Stein/Jonas/Althammer, Code of Civil Procedure [Zivilprozessordnung], 22nd Ed. (2013), § 538
 19 marginal no. 38).

20 11. IPCom intends to submit the license agreements that it has subpoenaed from Apple
 21 to the Court of Appeals for use in the appellate proceeding.

22 12. If the Court of Appeals in Karlsruhe overturns the Mannheim District Court's
 23 decision and determines that Apple does infringe the '268 patent, then the Court of Appeals will
 24 likely act as a fact finder on the question of damages.

25 13. If the case is ripe for decision by the Court of Appeals, including the amount of
 26 damages owed, the Court of Appeals has to decide the entire case. In structuring the appellate
 27 proceedings (e.g. through case management orders) the Court of Appeals must take care that the

1 entire case may be disposed of in an efficient and timely manner (cf. §§ 525, 273 of the Civil
 2 Procedure Code). As a finding of infringement is (at least) a possibility, it will be expedient for
 3 the Court of Appeals to see to it that the damages aspects of the case are properly briefed by the
 4 parties. The Court of Appeals has discretion how to structure the appellate proceedings. Ideally,
 5 the case should be finally decided by the Court of Appeals, including on the issue of damages, for
 6 example, if the facts necessary for the decision on quantum are no longer in dispute between the
 7 parties or if there is a sufficient basis for an estimate of the amount of damages owed by the Court,
 8 Sec. 287 German Code of Civil Procedure. Even if that is not the case, it is preferred for the
 9 appellate court to address the damages issues in the case itself and take the necessary evidence on
 10 facts in dispute between the parties, as it is more efficient than remanding the case to the district
 11 court when that decision would then be appealed back to the appellate court.

12 14. Although it will be possible for Apple to request a remand to the District Court to
 13 determine the issue of damages, German appellate courts rarely remand cases to the district court
 14 even if they have to take evidence before they can make a final determination, as it is less efficient
 15 to remand a case that will then be appealed. The appellate court can and generally should find
 16 the facts and take the evidence needed to decide the entire case itself and only remand in
 17 exceptional cases. It is the rule under German law for German appellate courts to decide the
 18 entire case and take the necessary evidence themselves; a remand is the exception (*see, e.g.*,
 19 Stein/Jonas/Althammer, Code of Civil Procedure [Zivilprozessordnung], 22nd Ed. (2013), § 538
 20 ZPO marginal no. 22; Wieczorek/Schütze/Gerken, Code of Civil Procedure
 21 [Zivilprozessordnung], 4th Ed. (2014), § 538 marginal no. 1).

22 15. It is unlikely that there will be “detailed and extensive” evidentiary hearings in the
 23 present case, such as the taking of oral testimony of multiple witnesses. Rather, it is more likely
 24 that the Karlsruhe Court of Appeals might need to appoint an expert to provide economic guidance
 25 on the amount of damages owed. That of itself is not an exceptional reason that would justify a
 26 remand (cf. German Federal Supreme Court, NJW-RR 2010, 1048, 1049, para. 16). Even if
 27 substantial fact finding needs to take place, for example, if the Mannheim District Court judgment

1 does not contain any of the factual determinations needed for deciding the case, the Court of
 2 Appeals is not required to remand. The German Federal Supreme Court decided in such a case
 3 that the appellate court may find the necessary facts by itself (German Federal Supreme Court,
 4 NJW 2011, 769, 770, para. 18):

5 “The Court of Appeals may, rather [instead of a remand] make the necessary factual
 6 determinations itself. According to § 538 para. 1 German Code of Civil Procedure, it generally
 7 has to take the necessary evidence and decide the case on its merits and may only remand to the
 8 court of first instance under the exceptional circumstances according to § 538 para. 2 German
 9 Code of Civil Procedure. Contrary to what the petitioner argued, there is no conflict with the fact
 10 that the losing party may then not attack the determinations and the appraisal of the facts by the
 11 first instance in a second instance. The legislator is generally free to offer several judicial
 12 instances, determine under which circumstances they may be appealed to and how far the power of
 13 review of a court reaches (*cf.* regarding § 531 para. 2 first sentence no. 3 German Code of Civil
 14 Procedure, German Federal Constitutional Court [BVerfG], NJW 2005, 1768 [1769], with further
 15 sources). As far as it is the consequence of § 538 German Code of Civil Procedure that the
 16 parties lose one fact finding instance – such as here – this neither violates their right to access to
 17 justice (Art. 19 para. 4 German Basic Law), nor, as the Court of Appeals has rightly held, the rule
 18 of law (Art. 20 para. 3 German Basic Law), nor the right to be heard (Art. 103 para. 1 German
 19 Basic Law).”

20 16. Whether the damages amount is determined by the Court of Appeals or the District
 21 Court, the licenses will be considered.

22 17. The appellate briefing will continue, likely for many more months, so there is time
 23 for the documents to be produced and submitted for the appeal.

24 18. IPCoM could not have requested the same discovery from the German courts; a
 25 party in a German lawsuit can only request specific documents from his adversary, not categories
 26 of documents.

27 22. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
 28 foregoing is true and correct.

1 Executed on May 19, 2014 at Brussels.
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